



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 7931

Hiromichi MIZUNO et al.

Art Unit: 3677

Application No.: 10/529,558

Examiner: Jeffrey Andrew Sharp

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For: TAPPING SCREW

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 16, 2007

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006 and subsequent Advisory Action dated February 2, 2007, for one month from January 17, 2007, to February 17, 2007.

Enclosed is a check that includes in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) to cover the cost of the extension fee. In the event that this check is found to be insufficient, or if any additional fees are due with respect to the filing of this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account Number 50-2222.

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